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EDI Comments
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RE: Regulations under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act
(PACA), Docket FV-05-373

Dear Mr. Thomas:

As a PACA licensee and shipper of fresh fruits and vegetables, I am submitting this letter in connection with the notice in the Federal Register concerning electronic data interchange (EDI) when invoicing and seeking protection under the PACA statutory trust.

As a shipper of fresh fruits and vegetables, it is imperative when invoicing electronically that licensees be provided coverage under the statutory trust in the same manner of protection afforded through traditional paper invoices. When sending paper invoices, the PACA Trust language (*The perishable agricultural commodities listed on this invoice are sold subject to the statutory trust authorized by section 5(c) of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930 (7 U.S.C. 499e(c)). The seller of these commodities retains a trust claim over these commodities, and any receivables or proceeds from the sale of these commodities until full payment is received*) is preprinted on our invoices, in accordance with the regulations, thus allowing us to be trust protected.

The regulations need to be changed to adapt to the evolving industry practices and provide protection to shippers when invoicing through EDI.

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Therefore, I am in complete support of modifying the regulations to protect shippers when electronically invoicing for fresh fruits and vegetables by allowing coverage under the statutory trust on all EDI transmissions so that it is mandatory and not discretionary for the buyer to accept.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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